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As work on items 4, 6, 7 and 8 was started only recently, there is not much progress to report as yet.

(b) Work on lines of research similar to that financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research is already being carried on by the Agricultural and Veterinary departments. The financial assistance given by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research is only to subsidize special schemes of inquiry or research on particular crops or problems. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Administration Reports of both the departments which contain detailed information of the research work done.

(c) As no separate provision is made in the civil budget estimates for research work normally carried on by the departments and that required for carrying on administrative and other functions, it is not possible to give an estimate of the expenditure on research work. The hon. Member's attention is however invited to the civil budget estimates relating to these departments. The provision made under "Agricultural Research Stations" and "Research Institute" under "34. c. Agriculture" gives an idea of the amount the Government have been spending on agricultural research. It is not possible to say definitely how long particular lines of research are likely to be continued by these departments.

Co-operation

Refusal of Government for the acquisition of some land for the District Urban Bank, Salem.

* 460 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Urban Bank at Salem applied for acquisition of some land for properly shaping the compound of the said bank premises;

(b) whether it is a fact that the acquisition was refused to be complied with; and

(c) if so, what the reasons therefor are and whether a copy of the order in the matter will be placed on the table?

A.—The bank applied for acquisition of land for the construction of 'a meeting hall for the bank and the public' and for improving the front view of the bank building. The Government did not consider that the Land Acquisition Act should be applied for acquiring land for the purposes referred to. A copy [a] of the order passed by Government is placed on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 737 infra.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether this is not a public purpose which comes under the purview of the Land Acquisition Act?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I do not think so."

Fisheries

Qualifications and functions of some of the personnel of the Fisheries department.

* 461 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications required for and the functions performed by the following:—

(i) Assistant Director of Fisheries (Coast),

(ii) Assistant Director of Fisheries (Inland), and

(*b*) the qualifications of the following:—

(i) Director of Fisheries, and

(ii) Assistant Director of Fisheries?

A.—*Qualifications.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 3 (*c*) of the special rules relating to the Madras Fisheries Service on pages 60–63 of the Madras Services Manual, Volume I.

Functions of the Assistant Director (Coast) and Assistant Director (Inland).

Assistant Director (*Coast*).—(1) Socio-economic work including control of the fisheries elementary schools and the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, and the organization and supervision of fishermen co-operative societies.

(2) Supervision of the Tanur station.

(3) Administration of fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

Assistant Director (*Inland*).—(1) Stocking and development of fisheries in all inland waters taken over by the Fisheries department.

(2) Administration of fish-curing yards and organization and supervision of co-operative societies for fishermen in the districts of Chingleput and Nellore.

Industries

Proposal to open an experimental porcelain factory by the Government.

* 462 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee for Industries at its meeting held on 24th March 1933 that an experimental factory for making porcelain ware be started by the Government in a suitable centre where the necessary raw materials are available; and